

STEAMER ASHORE ONLY 100 YARDS OFF THE BATTERY

Big China Trader Stranded Almost at Doors of Barge Office.

AVOIDED A COLLISION.

Montrose's Captain Sheered from Barges and Ran Ship On, Hard and Fast.

A big steamer ashore one hundred yards of the Battery was one of the sights New York presented to citizens and visitors to-day. The vessel is the English tramp Montrose, which passed through all the perils of a voyage from Chinese ports within the past three months, only to come to grief almost within sight of her pier.

The Montrose came from China by way of the Suez Canal, with a mixed cargo of Eastern freight and a lot of queer animals. She crossed the bar yesterday afternoon, steamed up the bay and dropped anchor for the night off Liberty Island.

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ENGLISH KNOW A JOKE, SAYS MARK TWAIN

Veteran Humorist Comes Home Wearing a Black Derby with White Suit.

HAS PINK PAJAMAS, TOO.

British Editors, He Says, Write "Laughter" in Wrong Place in Speeches

Mark Twain is home again. He arrived in New York this afternoon on the Atlantic transport line, Minnetonka, hale and hearty and glad to get back. The grizzled old humorist was the star passenger on the trip, and when the ship news reporters boarded the Minnetonka at Quarantine to greet him, he was surrounded by all his fellow travelers, who were listening to his descriptions of and comments upon the scenery.

He wore his spotless white suit of clothes, but betrayed his originality by adopting a black derby hat for the entire voyage. Conventional travelers wear derby hats ashore and caps aboard ship, but Mark Twain is not conventional.

Jealous of Wee Miss. All the passengers were jealous of the attention the veteran humorist showed to Miss Dorothy Quick, of Brooklyn, returning from Europe with her mother, Mrs. Quick was his deck comrade from the time the ship sailed from London. She was sitting in his lap when the reporters caught sight of him this afternoon. It would be hard to mention perhaps, that Miss Quick is ten years old. She is a bright, inquisitive, charming and naive little American and had no difficulty in monopolizing the lion.

"Are you glad to get back to America?" inquired the reporters. "I ought to be," was the reply. "This is my country. Before my departure for England—where, I must say, I had a great time—I paid the rent of a house at Tuxedo. It is my intention to spend the summer there."

"How about the collision in which the Minnetonka figured, news of which you sent to England by wireless?" was the next question.

"It didn't amount to much," said Mark. "I sent that wireless message merely to keep in touch with the world and to give the people an idea that I knew what was going on."

"Did you bring the Asot gold cup with you?"

"Eager to Smuggle It. It's in the hold. I want you boys to help me smuggle it into the Customs officials. I honestly believe that some people believe I did steal that cup. If I had been on robbery bent I could have cleaned up a lot of things."

The reporters asked him how he had been treated by the English press. He replied:

"England has a sense of humor, no matter what may be said to the contrary. English humor is hard to appreciate, though, unless you are trained to it. The English papers, in reporting my speeches, always put 'laughter' in the wrong place."

"I knew you would ask me how I enjoyed dining with King Edward. To that question I will reply that the King enjoyed himself considerably. I know also that you would ask me what were the best jokes I heard in England. I heard some good ones, but I am keeping them. Later on I will sell them for 30 cents a word."

Mark was liberal with his autographs, signing his name for all on the ship who approached him. At the concert last Friday evening he delivered a characteristic humorous lecture that kept his audience in laughter for forty minutes.

Wears Pink Pajamas. Among the other passengers were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Felt, of Brooklyn, who saw the collision between the Minnetonka and a steel bark off the English coast. The bark ran into the steamship, smashed one of her plates, dented three others, and scraped the paint from her starboard side back to the quarter.

"There was no panic," said Mr. Felt. "Although the shock was quite severe, all the passengers rushed to their cabins, including Mark Twain, who had Cabin No. 2. He did not refuse to dress before seeking to find what had happened, and we discovered the interesting fact that he wears pink pajamas."

First Session of the Night Court at Jefferson Market Aug. 1.

Frederick B. House was elected president of the Board of City Magistrates at a meeting held this afternoon in West Side Court. He is known as a McClellan man in politics, and was only recently appointed. Magistrate House received nine votes, against three for Magistrate Moss, Tammany's candidate, and personal friend of Charles Murphy. Magistrate Harris got two votes and Magistrate Cornell one.

The first session of the night police court will be held at Jefferson Market on Aug. 1. The Magistrates will shift every eleven days. The night court will be known as the Ninth and will be open for business from 9 P. M. to 3 A. M. The Board has asked Justice Whitman, appointed last week to the Court of General Sessions, to preside at the opening session. A tribute was paid to Justice Whitman for his interest and work for the night court.

THE EVENING WORLD RACE CHART ELEVENTH DAY AT BRIGHTON. JULY 22. CLEAR TRACK FAST.

630 FIRST RACE—Selling, for three-year-olds and upward; \$1,000 added; six furlongs. Start good. Won easily. Time—1:12.4. Winner, b. g., by Golden Garter—Plover Mac. Owner—C. J. Durnell.

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